



**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON  
parks and recreation**

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**Board of Park Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes**

Tuesday, September 23, 2008  
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Council Chambers  
401 N. Morton St.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Carter at 4:05 p.m.

**Board Present:** John Carter, Les Coyne, Joe Hoffmann, Jane St. John

**Staff Present:** Mick Renneisen, Judy Seigle, Cheryll Elmore, Mark Sterner, Leslie Brinson, Chris Truelock, Sarah Nix, Rob Gilchrist, Bev Johnson, John Turnbull, Jason Calhoun, Julie Ramey, Steve Cotter, Lindsay Buuck, Cheryll Elmore, Paula McDevitt, Kim Ecenbarger, Michael Simmons, Lee Huss

**Interns:** Nathan Phipps, Amber Trusty

**A. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A-1. Approval of Minutes of August 21, 2008 Meeting
- A-2. Approval of Claims Submitted August 22 – September 22, 2008
- A-3. Approval of Non-Reverting Budget Amendments
- A-4. Review of Business Report

Ms. St. John made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Mr. Coyne seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

**B. PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPEARANCES**

**B-1. Public Comment Period**

No public comment at this time.

**B-2. Bravo Award**

None this month.

**B-3. Staff Recognition – Angie Smith/Lee Huss**

Mr. Williams addressed the Board and acknowledged the 25 year anniversary for Lee Huss. As the Urban Forester, Mr. Huss is in charge of taking care of all city trees. Bloomington was the first city to be recognized with the Tree City USA designation. Thanks to Mr. Huss's efforts, the city has held that designation for over 20 years. He serves on several local, state, and national professional committees. He has done an excellent job in balancing many competing needs where trees are concerned and he continues to be innovative in his approach to resolving issues. He has also worked to solidify the Tree Commission so that it is now very active and engaged and openly discusses tree issues.

Mr. Huss addressed the Board and stated that he has been very fortunate to have good people working with him and hopes to continue with the department for years to come.

Mr. Cotter addressed the Board and acknowledged the five year anniversary of Angie Smith. Ms. Smith has done an excellent job as the Natural Resources Coordinator. She coordinates the environmental education efforts for the department, including the growing Leonard Springs Nature Day, which involves all sixth graders in the Monroe County School Corporation. In addition to environmental education, she oversees the daily operations at Griffy Lake. Prior to her employment with Bloomington Parks and Recreation, Ms. Smith was the biologist at Lake Lemon. That experience has proven very helpful as Griffy Lake undergoes many transformations throughout the seasons. Unfortunately, Ms. Smith could not attend this evening's meeting as she is currently attending military training.

#### B-4. Staff Introductions – Amber Trusty/Nathan Phipps

Amber Trusty introduced herself stating that she is working as an ACE (Advocate for Community Engagement) this year with Ms. Ecenbarger. She grew up in North Judson, Indiana and is a junior at Indiana University with a double major in History and Psychology. She stated that she is excited about this opportunity and looks forward to the many opportunities this will provide her over the course of the next year.

Nathan Phipps introduced himself stating that he is from Danville, Indiana and is a senior at Indiana University majoring in Recreational Sports Management with minors in Youth Sports Management and Recreation and Park Administration. He is currently fulfilling his internship at the Banneker Community Center and assisting with the youth basketball program.

### **C. OTHER BUSINESS**

#### C-1. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Bloomington Blades Youth Hockey Association

Mr. Truelock addressed the Board seeking approval of the partnership agreement with Bloomington Blades Youth Hockey Association (BBYHA). He introduced Jeff Davis, president of the BBYHA. Mr. Davis provided a presentation on the group's activities and mission. The BBYHA is a volunteer run, 501(c)3 organization founded in 1979 for children ages 7-12 years to learn and play competitive ice hockey. The group is affiliated with USA Hockey and the Buckeye Travel League. The participants in this group participate in the Parks & Recreation house hockey program and assist with equipment distribution and rental. Approximately 50-60 players participate each year and scholarships are available. The teams compete against other teams from Evansville, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Louisville, and Nashville, TN. The organization is working to increase their awareness in the community by sponsoring a "Hockey Day in Bloomington" along with the IU Hockey Team. In addition, they work to give back to their community by sponsoring a food drive. The organization feels that hockey is a way to learn important life lessons and have a great time. They strive to create an environment where everyone can learn hockey and efforts are praised more than results. They also celebrate virtues such as commitment, hard work, respect and love for the game.

Ms. St. John made a motion to approve the partnership agreement with Bloomington Blades Youth Hockey Association. Mr. Coyne seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

#### C-2. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Bloomington Blades High School Hockey Association

Mr. Truelock addressed the Board seeking approval of the partnership agreement with Bloomington Blades High School Hockey Association. He stated that this program is designed for high school students in the Bloomington and surrounding communities. The program is not sanctioned by the Indiana High School Athletic Association. There are no changes to the 2008 agreement.

Ms. St. John made a motion to approve the partnership agreement with Bloomington Blades High School Hockey Association. Mr. Coyne seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

### C-3. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Bloomington Figure Skating Club

Mr. Truelock addressed the Board seeking approval of the partnership agreement with the Bloomington Figure Skating Club. He introduced Mary Lang, the treasurer of the Bloomington Figure Skating Club. She introduced the members of the organization: Stacy Fletcher, President; Jennifer Yates, Vice-President; Sandy Phillips, Secretary; Adriga Crouch and Dawn Schneider, At-large members. She introduced some of the skaters: Eidi Kehoe and Olivia Fletcher. Ms. Phillips provided the Board with a PowerPoint Presentation. She stated that this club exists so the skaters can have ice time that allows them to practice spins, jumps, and other maneuvers and to lift their blades off the ice (a practice not allowed during public skate time due to the potential for injury). The club also helps connect skaters with private coaches. The club allows for the skaters to participate in sanctioned competitions (two in 2008) and allows the skaters to be tested in ISI (Ice Skating Institute). The club provides the community with an opportunity to see their talents during the annual Holiday Ice Show, scheduled for December 6 at 3:00 p.m. and 5:00.m. The Basic Club Membership fee is \$25 which includes ISI membership and provides skaters with insurance. The Full Club Membership fee is \$60 which includes ISI membership and provides skaters with insurance, testing privileges, competition eligibility, and the ability to purchase skate passes at a reduced price. There are additional ice time fees associated with the practice times. The 2008 practice ice times are: Sundays 5:15 – 6:45 p.m.; Mondays 3:15 – 4:15 p.m.; Wednesdays 4:30 – 5:15 p.m.; and Saturdays 6:30 – 8:300 a.m. The club hosts many fundraisers throughout the year including food booths at WalMart, bake sales, car washes, program ad sales for the Holiday Ice Show, and hand made jewelry for sale at various booths and shows. The Board goals for 2008-09 include: provide additional ice time, encourage fundraising opportunities, insurance for all members and coaches, improve the Holiday Show, delegate tasks, increase membership numbers, provide a safe environment for skaters to practice, provide classes to enhance skills, and provide members with coach information.

Ms. St. John made a motion to approve the partnership agreement with the Bloomington Figure Skating Club. Mr. Coyne seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

### C-4. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Boys & Girls Club

Ms. Brinson addressed the Board seeking approval of the partnership agreement with the Boys & Girls Club of Bloomington. The purpose of this partnership is to provide a quality youth basketball program for the community by combining resources from each organization. She stated that this is the second year for this partnership and there are several changes to the 2008 agreement. In 2007 the Parks staff assumed 70% of the responsibilities as well as 70% of the revenue generated from the program. In 2008 the two partners will each assume 50% of the responsibilities and 50% of the revenue. The Boys and Girls Club will be responsible for the supervision and running of the 9-13 year old age groups. The Parks and Recreation staff will be responsible for supervising and running the 3-8 year old age groups. The Parks and Recreation staff will handle registrations and payment of bills and officials, while the Boys and Girls Club will take over the responsibility of the end of year Awards Banquets. In addition, each organization is responsible for obtaining \$2,500 in sponsorships. Anything in excess of \$2,500 can be kept by the respective organization.

Ms. St. John made a motion to approve the partnership agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Bloomington. Mr. Coyne seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

### C-5. Review/Approval of Resolution 08-10 to Purchase Golf Shop Inventory

Mr. Turnbull addressed the Board seeking approval of Resolution 08-10 to purchase golf shop inventory. He stated that when the new Golf Course Facilities Manager, Jason Calhoun, joined the Parks and Recreation staff, he had some remaining inventory from his previous job in Bedford. Most of that inventory has either been returned or sold, however there is some remaining inventory that the department would like to purchase to sell at the Cascades Golf Course. The inventory includes balls, bags, gloves, hats, shoes, clubs and a club demonstration cart. All products are current and updated materials and are products that are typically sold at the golf course. The inventory consists of: 371 dozen golf balls (\$7,891.20); 51 pairs of shoes (\$3,164.50); 128 caps (\$1,032); 7 bags (\$614); 342 gloves (\$2,964.50); 27 drivers (\$4,770); 24 fairway woods (\$3,160.60); 28 hybrids (\$2,899); 5 sets of irons (\$2,867); 11 putters (\$1,032); 14 wedges (\$1,122); 6 miscellaneous items (\$275.35); 2 fittings (\$2,450) for a total purchase price of \$34,242.15.

Ms. St. John made a motion to approve Resolution 08-10 to purchase golf shop inventory. Mr. Coyne seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

#### C-6. Review of Draft 2009 Price Schedule and Cost Recovery Goals

Ms. Elmore addressed the Board and presented them with the 2009 Draft Price Schedule and cost recovery goals. She stated that this document can be reviewed for the next month and will be presented for approval in October. Each division director reported to the Board and provided them with updates from their respective areas. Changes in the proposed 2009 Price Schedule are as follows:

Page 2	<u>Adult Programs</u> Added a range for Adult Sailing at Lake Monroe from \$100.00 to \$100.00 - \$200.00
Page 4	<u>Adult Sports Softball/Basketball/Volleyball</u> Olcott Park Field rental – increase in per hour rate: South field from \$37.00 to \$39.00 (in city), \$39.00 to \$41.00 (out of city) North field from \$22.00 to \$24.00 (in city), \$24.00 to \$26.00 (out of city)
Page 5	<u>Aquatics – Bryan Pool Admissions</u> Increase in Family Season Pass rate from \$135.00 to \$150.00 (in city) and from \$186.00 to \$200.00 (out of city)
Page 5	<u>Aquatics – Mills Pool Admissions</u> Increase in general admission – Youth from \$1.50 to \$2.00 Increase in general admission – Adult from \$2.00 to \$2.50 Increase in Economy 50 Punch Pass from \$50.00 to \$75.00 Increase in Economy 20 Punch Pass from \$20.00 to \$35.00 Increase in Economy 10 Punch Pass from \$10.00 to \$18.00
Page 6	<u>Aquatics</u> Eliminated Private Swimming Lessons Eliminated range at both pool private rentals, in 2009 will be just one rate, \$250.00 (Bryan) and \$150.00 (Mills) Added Specialized Aquatics for \$70.00 (in city) and \$75.00 (out of city)
Page 7	<u>Banneker Center</u> Increase in facility rental rates (per hour) during operational hours: No changes to Category A Category C – Kitchen - from \$15.00 to \$25.00 Category C – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor – from \$20.00 to \$35.00 Category C – Gymnasium – added rental rate of \$40.00 Increase in facility rental rates (per hour) during non-operational hours: Category B – Kitchen/3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor – from \$15.00 to \$20.00 Category B – Gymnasium – from \$22.00 to \$25.00 Category B – Kitchen – from \$18.00 to \$35.00 Category C – Gymnasium – from \$28.00 to \$50.00 Added Category C – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor at \$75.00 per hour Added Category C – Whole Building at \$120.00 per hour <b>Description of Categories:</b> <b>Category A = City Departments/Parks Departments/MCCSC</b> <b>Category B = Non-Profit Groups/Department Affiliates</b> <b>Category C = Private Use</b>
Page 8	<u>Benjamin Banneker Community Center</u> Increase in range for instructional classes from \$2.00 to \$60.00 to \$2.00 to \$200.00 (in city) Increase in range for instructional classes from \$2.00 - \$75.00 to \$2.00 to \$200.00 (out of city)
Page 9	<u>Bloomington Adult Community Center</u> Increase in facility rental rates (per hour) during non-operational hours: Category C – Conference Room, Reception Area, Library or Craft Room from \$30.00 to

\$35.00 (per hour)  
Category C – Ball Room from \$40.00 to \$45.00 (per hour)  
Category C – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor from \$50.00 to \$60.00  
Category C – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor from \$60.00 to \$70.00  
Category C – Whole Building from \$100.00 to \$110.00

**See above page 7 for description of Categories**

Page 10 Bloomington Adult Community Center

Increase in range for Instructional Classes from \$25.00 to \$75.00 to \$10.00 to \$100.00  
Increase in range for Special Events from \$1.00 to \$15.00 to  
\$3.00 to \$20.00

Page 10 Health and Wellness

**NEW PROGRAM AREA**

Range for Instructional Classes from \$5.00 to \$200.00  
Range for Special Events from \$1.00 to \$15.00

Page 11 Cemetery Services – Rose Hill and White Oak

Increase in rate for Ashes – per space at Rose Hill from \$220.00 to \$300.00  
Increase in rate for lot at White Oak from \$315.00 to \$425.00 (in city)  
And increase in rate for lot at White Oak from \$525.00 to \$550.00  
(out of city)  
Increase in rate for Trustee plot and interment from \$158.00 to \$400.00  
Increase in rate for Trustee disinterment from \$210.00 to \$400.00

Page 12 Cemetery Services - Rose Hill and White Oak

Increase in rate for Interment Charges (ground) from:  
Monday through Friday before 2:00 p.m. from \$315.00 to \$400.00  
Monday through Friday after 2:00 p.m. from \$368.00 to \$500.00  
Saturday before 2:00 p.m. from \$368.00 to \$600.00  
Saturday after 2:00 p.m. from \$420.00 to \$600.00  
Increase in rate for Interment Charges (Rose Hill Mausoleum) from:  
Monday through Friday before 2:00 p.m. from \$315.00 to \$350.00  
Monday through Friday after 2:00 p.m. from \$368.00 to \$450.00  
Saturday before 2:00 p.m. from \$368.00 to 450.00  
Saturday after 2:00 p.m. from \$420.00 to \$450.00  
Increase in rate for Disinterments at Rose Hill from:  
Monday through Friday before 2:00 p.m. from \$315.00 to \$400.00  
Monday through Friday after 2:00 p.m. from \$368.00 from \$500.00  
Saturday before 2:00 p.m. from \$368.00 to \$600.00  
Saturday after 2:00 p.m. from \$420.00 to \$600.00  
Elimination of different rates for interment (adult, child, infant)

Page 13 Cemetery Services - Rose Hill

Increase in rate for inurnment charges (Ground) from:  
Monday through Friday before 2:00 p.m. from \$184.00 to \$225.00  
Monday through Friday after 2:00 p.m. from \$210.00 to \$275.00  
Saturday before 2:00 p.m. from \$210.00 to \$325.00  
Saturday after 2:00 p.m. from \$263.00 to \$325.00  
Increase in rate for inurnment charges (Mausoleum) from:  
Monday through Friday before 2:00 p.m. from \$184.00 to \$225.00  
Monday through Friday after 2:00 p.m. from \$210.00 to \$275.00  
Saturday before 2:00 p.m. from \$210.00 to \$325.00  
Saturday after 2:00 p.m. from \$263.00 to \$325.00

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Community Events – Tuesday Market/November Market

November Market – Reserved Spaces

**(Based on only 3 Market Days in November 2009)**

Decrease in cost of vehicle space from \$48.00 to \$36.00  
Decrease in cost of vehicle space – senior rate from \$28.00 to \$21.00  
Decrease in cost of table space from \$24.00 to \$18.00  
Decrease in cost of table space – senior or youth rate from

\$16.00 to \$12.00

Added cost of unreserved vehicle space at November Market - \$12.00

Added cost of unreserved vehicle space Senior rate at November

Market - \$7.00

Added cost of unreserved table space at November Market - \$6.00

Added cost of unreserved table space – senior or youth rate at November Market - \$4.00

Page 17 Community Events – Gardens

Increase in rate for regular plots at Willie Streeter Gardens from \$41.00 to \$52.00 (in city) and from \$49.00 to \$62.00 (out of city)

Eliminated Garden Tool rental

Increase in rate for regulars plots at Crestmont Gardens from \$10.00 to \$20.00 (in city) and from \$10.00 to \$24.00 (out of city)

Increase in rate for raised beds at Crestmont Gardens from \$5.00 to \$10.00 (in city) and from \$5.00 to \$12.00 (out of city)

Page 21 Frank Southern Center – Facility Rental

All these Price Schedule changes are for Fall 2009/Spring 2010 Season

Increase in Public Skating rate from \$4.00 to \$5.00

Increase in Skate Rental rate from \$2.00 to \$2.50

Increase in Economy Pass rate from \$35.00 to \$45.00

Elimination of Freestyle economy Pass

Increase in Group Rate with Skates from \$3.50 to \$4.50

Increase in Group Rate no Skates from \$2.50 to \$3.50

Elimination of Super Prime Time Rink Rental

Increase in Rink Rental Rate – Prime Time from \$140.00 to \$160.00

Increase in Rink Rental Rate – Non-Prime Time from \$120.00 to \$140.00

Increase Rink Rental Partnership Rate – Prime Time from \$140.00 to \$160.00

Increase Rink Rental Partnership Rate – Non-Prime Time from \$120.00 to \$140.00

Increase in Flat Rate for Birthday Party Room Rental from \$35.00 to \$40.00

Page 22 Frank Southern Center – Programs/Classes/Events

Increase in Fall 2009/Spring 2010 Youth Hockey – Cubs rate from \$140.00 to \$160.00 (in city) and from \$155.00 to \$175.00 (out of city)

Increase in Fall 2009/Spring 2010 Youth Hockey – all others rate from \$195.00 to 215.00 (in city) and from \$210.00 to \$230.00 (out of city)

Page 25 Golf Services – Green Fees –

Elimination of Green Fees After Noon category

Increase in Weekend Twilight Green Fees (9 Holes) from \$13.00 to \$15.00

Increase in Range Balls rate (per bucket) from \$4.00 to \$5.00

Adding a Range Balls 20 Bucket Pass for \$80.00

Increase in Student Green Fee (Monday through Thursday, Excludes Holidays) from \$13.00 to \$15.00

Page 26 Operations Service – Shelter Rentals

All Small Shelters (Bryan Henderson, Bryan North, Building and Trades, Thomson) increase \$2.00, from \$40.00 to \$42.00

Large Shelters Bryan Woodlawn, Upper Cascades Lions Den, Lower Cascades Waterfall, Olcott Park Pavillion increase \$2.00, from \$52.00 to \$54.00

Winslow Woods and Thomson Group Shelters increase \$2.00 from \$47.00 to \$49.00

Lower Cascades Sycamore increases \$5.00 from \$55.00 to \$60.00

Page 27 Youth Programs – Facility Rental

Increase in rental rates for Category C:

One room/per hour from \$30.00 to \$35.00

Bathroom only with Park Use from \$30.00 to \$35.00

Kitchen – Flat Fee from \$15.00 to \$20.00

Whole Building/per hour from \$75.00 to \$80.00

**See above page 7 for description of Categories**

Page 28 Youth Programs – Programs/Classes/Special Events

Increase in rate for Kid City summer camp from \$130.00 per week to \$135.00 (in city) and

from \$135.00 to \$140.00 (out of city)

Increase in rate for Teen X-treme summer camp from \$145.00 per week to \$150.00 (in city) and from \$150.00 to \$155.00 (out of city)

Increase in rate for Teen X-treme Trip and Travel from \$330.00 to \$335.00 (in city) and from \$335.00 to \$340.00 (out of city)

Increase in rate for Counselor in Training (new participants and those entering Grade 8) from \$75.00 per week to \$80.00 (in city) and from \$80.00 per week to \$85.00 (out of city)

Increase in rate for Counselor in Training (returning participants and those entering Grades 9 - 10) from \$15.00 per week to \$20.00 (both in city and out of city)

Page 28 Youth Programs – Birthday Parties

Increase in range of rates from Birthday Parties from \$110.00 - \$180.00 to \$110.00 - \$260.00 (cost determined by options chosen)

Mr. Renneisen explained the cost recovery pyramid and stated that the cost recovery goals are being presented now and asked that the Board review these and provide staff with feedback at the October meeting. He stated that an overall cost recovery of 40% through fees and 60% subsidy from the tax base would be ideal. The department is currently at 67.48% from the tax base and 32.52% from fees and charges so an additional 7.5% increase would be necessary to meet that goal through a combination of fee increases and a decrease in expenses.

## **D. REPORTS**

### **D-1. Operations Division – No Report**

### **D-2. Sports Division – Frank Southern Ice Arena Programs**

Mr. Sterner addressed the Board and provided them with an update on the Frank Southern Ice Arena. The facility opens to groups and partners from September 25-30. These groups include the IU Club Hockey, Bloomington Blades High School Hockey, Travel Hockey, and the Bloomington Figure Skating Club. During this time period, groups will be allowed a chance to schedule ice time and to meet the new staff. Doors open to the general public on Wednesday, October 1 for public/lunar skate; adult/house hockey; learn-to-skate; and special events. The ice rink is used by the public and various user groups throughout the season with the percentage of allocations as follows: ice rentals (30%), public sessions (25%), hockey (18%), learn to skate (14%), skate rental (7%), and other/miscellaneous (6%). These percentages broken down by user group are: IU Hockey (24%); BBYHA (24%); BBHHA (19%), IU Figure Skating (17%), and Bloomington Figure Skating (16%). The revenue has continued to increase steadily at the rink since 2002. Mr. Sterner expressed his thanks to the Operations Division staff that work so hard to prepare the ice pad for business. That process began on September 8 and the rink was operational by September 19.

### **D-3. Recreation Division – Lake Monroe Sailing Association**

Mr. Simmons addressed the Board and provided them with an update on the Lake Monroe Sailing Association (LMSA) 2008 season. He stated that this partnership has been in place since 1996. Its purpose is to provide an affordable, effective, and diverse sailing program for the Bloomington community. The program allows opportunities for members of the Bloomington community to participate in a sailing program designed to introduce participants to the sport as well as to provide for skills advancement in a variety of class levels. Mr. Simmons stated that in 2007 he and Ms. Johnson met with Rita Flynn at the Lake Monroe Sailing Association. During this meeting they inspected the facility and equipment and were briefed by Ms. Flynn on safety procedures, curriculum, and daily class activities. Using information provided by the Parks and Recreation staff as a model, Ms. Flynn and her staff drafted a new set of safety policies and procedures, which were reviewed and approved. In 2008 a new camp coordinator, Walt Johnson, was hired and utilized these new policies and procedures. This procedure calls for increased communication between the two organizations with weekly camp updates, including detailed weekly e-mailed reports on minor injuries. The LMSA provided Mr. Johnson with a cell phone so that a line of communication could remain available during the sailing classes. Staff is confident that these new procedures have been effective in managing the risk management aspect of the camps. In 2008, the department offered four beginning, three intermediate, and one advanced sailing camp for participants ages 9-16. The sailing camps continue to be popular with a total of 86 participants in 2008 and ten on the wait list. The department also offered

three keel boat sailing classes for adults with a total of 19 participants. There were 25 more participants in the youth sailing camps in 2008 than in 2007 and seven more participants in the adult classes.

#### D-4. Administration Division – Play Day Proclamation

Ms. Nix addressed the Board and announced that Bloomington is one of 67 cities in the nation to be named a 2008 Play City USA city and the first and only in Indiana. This designation is sponsored by Kaboom, a national organization that advocates play for children and adults. To celebrate being a Play City USA city, the staff has planned a neighborhood play date on Sunday, September 28, in conjunction with “BE neighborly.” Staff will be present at five different Bloomington parks: Broadview Park, Bryan Park, Highland Village Park, Reverend Butler Park, and Olcott Park. Staff will promote play initiatives and lead playground games.

Mr. Renneisen introduced Deputy Mayor, Maria Heslin, who read the Play Day Proclamation:

## **PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS, play is a crucial factor in the overall well-being of children; and
- WHEREAS, playspaces and playgrounds within walking distance of children’s homes are missing from many communities and neighborhoods; and
- WHEREAS, unstructured, unplanned, spontaneous, and self-motivated play is on the decline; and
- WHEREAS fewer children spend time outside at parks and playgrounds; and
- WHEREAS, recess is being shortened or removed from many school curriculums; and
- WHEREAS, children who play are healthier and suffer less obesity and obesity-related health problems such as diabetes and heart disease; and
- WHEREAS, children who play do better in school and develop cognitive skills linked to learning and academic performance; and
- WHEREAS, children who play learn social skills that help them become happy and well-adjusted adults; and
- WHEREAS, parents, schools, child care centers, nonprofit organizations, businesses, churches, synagogues, mosques, and all interested parties wish to raise this community’s children to become healthy, happy and successful adults.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Kruzan, Mayor of Bloomington, Indiana, do hereby proclaim  
September 28, 2008, as

## **Play Day**

in Bloomington, Indiana, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Play Day and to continue to support and maintain playspaces and playgrounds for the well-being of this and future generations.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Judy Seigle, Secretary Board of Park Commissioners